



The Salisbury Planning Board held a special meeting Wednesday, January 6, 2010, in the second floor conference room of Salisbury City Hall at noon with the following being present and absent:

PRESENT: Mark Beymer, Robert Cockerl, Richard Huffman, Valerie Stewart, Bill Wagoner and Diane Young

ABSENT: Karen Alexander, Tommy Hairston, and Albert Stout

STAFF: Preston Mitchell and Diana Moghrabi

Lunch was provided as the Planning Board watched a video on designing healthy cities; design can impact people in a positive way. (This will run on PBS in the future.)

GOALS FOR 2010/2011

Planning Board's annual goals setting session will be the twenty-sixth of January, 2010. This discussion was in preparation of that meeting.

The 2009/2010 goals were reviewed; the year ends June 30 and the new one begins July 1 (fiscal year).

- The Comprehensive Bicycle Plan review has been on hold and it is time to pick it back up.
- There has been a request to name of the Faith Road area plan to something like the Eastern Gateway Plan. Trey Cleaton (Salisbury GIS) and Preston Mitchell (Salisbury Senior Planner) have been working behind the scenes. Trey will produce a flyover of the area using computer modeling.
- The Western Gateway Area Plan has been tabled. Response from the public was weak and staff believes some split zoning needs repaired before proceeding.
- Planning Board will continue to monitor the Land Development Ordinance (LDO), but did not feel it needed to be included in the goals. [Two new Technical Review Committee (TRC) members have been assigned to the committee as Planning Board liaisons.]

Mark Beymer feels strongly that the Community College must be included in the Comprehensive Bicycle Plan; he is not satisfied with the current consideration of the colleges in the plan. "Create something for the future." This plan can provide more than recreation; it can be primary transportation.

Valerie Stewart has been assigned to study an area of the bike plan by the Planning Board committee. Her observations include the fact that many people are excited that Salisbury is considering a bike plan. She has observed the same point Mark makes about the plan having "little connection" to the colleges. There is potential for more public input.

The Planning Board requests a public meeting on the bike plan in a lecture room on a college campus. They hope to complete the Planning Board review of the Comprehensive Bicycle Plan by the end of this fiscal year, but chose to keep it in the goals in the event it is delayed.

Preston Mitchell recommends fixing the use matrix. There are uses missing from the use matrix such as trucking or transfer that hinder the Zoning Administrator, David Phillips, in making determinations.

Preston recommended following the model of the LBCS. He distributed copies of the Land Based Classification System (LBCS).

The Planning Board decided that they would not look at the sign ordinance unless they were directed to do so by City Council. During the writing of the current Land Development Ordinance, the LDO committee chose not to address the sign ordinance. Bill Wagoner voiced concerns about putting people in a hardship position when making changes to the sign ordinance that could put a business out of compliance.

Planning Board did not think it necessary to put training or monitoring the LDO on the list of goals. That is simply business as usual and expected.

Diane Young suggested handling the split zoning issue three districts at a time (three committees). This would help to budget staff time.

Bill Wagoner and Mark Beymer had concerns regarding the Western Gateway Plan; they believed there had been a communication breakdown regarding the tabling of the Western Gateway Plan.

Several members said they would prefer to move ahead more aggressively on the current goals.

There was a consensus that these would be the 2010/2011 Planning Board Goals.

1. Complete the Comprehensive Bicycle Plan by September 30, 2010. (Calendar 3rd quarter)
2. Complete the Eastern Gateway plan by September 30, 2010 (Calendar 3rd quarter)
3. Conduct a study of the LDO Use Matrix for LBCS compliance
4. Conduct a split zoning study by Planning District
5. Conduct an Open Space study

The next Planning Board meeting will be January 12, 2010.

There being no further business to come before the Planning Board the meeting was adjourned.

Robert Cockerl, Chair

Diana Moghrabi, Secretary